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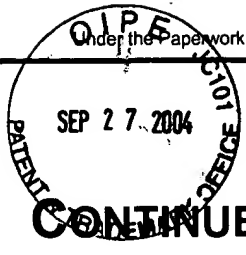
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/597,146
Filing Date	June 20, 2000
First Named Inventor	DAIKI KADOMATSU
Group Art Unit	2141
Examiner Name	APRIL L. BAUGH
Attorney Docket Number	00862.021941

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☒ Other Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time. A check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed.

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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- iii. ☐ Other _____
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Signature	<i>Leonard P. Diana</i>	Date	September 22, 2004

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In re Application of:

Docket No. 00862.021941.

DAIKI KADOMATSU

Application No.: 09/597,146

Examiner: April L. Baugh

Filed: June 20, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2141

For: IMAGE COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND
METHOD

Date: September 22, 2004

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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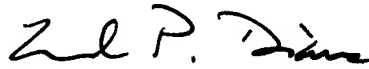
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- ☒ Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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PATENT APPLICATION

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APPARATUS AND METHOD) September 22, 2004

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is bveing submitted concurrently herewith. Prior to continued examination, please further amend the above-identified application as follows. The claims changes are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks are at page 15.

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